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SUBJECT: F/V CARIBBEAN

1. WENT TO MANTA ON 2/16 ON AREA
FAMILIARIZATION VISIT FOR JOHN F. KING COUNTRY
DIRECTOR. WE VISITED JACK DODD, INEPACA (VAN CAMP)
WHO BRIEFED US ON CURRENT TUNA SITUATION IN MANTA
AREA. HE SAID FISHING IS BAD AND FISH HAVE SOUGHT
MORE SALUBRIOUS WATERS DUE TO UNSEASONABLE INTRUSION
OF WARM CURRENT QUOTE EL NINO END OF QUOTE. MANTA
FLEET ALL IN PORT. SOME SMALL CATCHES REPORTED
BUT SUPPLIES AT MOMENT IN WAREHOUSES LOW.

2. AT DELMONTE PLANT WHERE WE WITNESSED DISCHARGE
OF FRESH TUNA CATCH (YELLOW FIN AND BIG EYE) DODD
COMMENTS CONFIRMED. AT DELMONTE WE LEARNED OF IMMINENT
ARRIVAL OF F/V CARIBBEAN (JOE GOMES, MASTER) WHICH EN ROUTE TO
PORT TO ATTEND ILLNESSES TWO CREW MEMBERS.

3. AT PORT KING AND I ARRIVED JUST AS VESSEL TIED
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UP AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARRIVED TO CLEAR ENTRY OF

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VESSEL (PUBLIC HEALTH, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND
PORT CAPTAINS OFFICE). F/V CARRIBBEAN HAD RECEIVED
PERMISSION ENTER AND HAD FISHING LICENSE BUT UNDER-
WENT SAME ENTRANCE PROCEEDINGS AS IF IT WERE COMMERCIAL
CARGO VESSEL. AFTER CHECKING DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE
ALL IN ORDER, VESSEL'S AGENT ASKED IN ADDITION
PERMISSION FOR ONE HOMESICK SEAMAN RETURN TO PANAMA
AND PURCHASE FRESH FOODS. BIG HASSLE ENSUED AND ALL
OFFICIALS AGREED THAT BECAUSE SHIP HAD NOT INCLUDED
LAST REQUESTS AS PART OF ORIGINAL REASON FOR ENTERING
THEY COULD NOT GRANT SUCH AUTHORIZATION. GUARDS
WERE PLACED ON VESSEL TO PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM LEAVING
SHIP EXCEPT CAPTAIN AND ANYONE FROM BOARDING OTHER
THAN AGENT, CAPTAIN AND U.S. CONSUL GENERAL.

4. WHILE WE WERE LUNCHING (CAPTAIN, AGENT, KING AND I)
PORT CAPTAIN ALSO AT RESTAURANT WITH CCT GROUP AND
CAME BY TO SAY QUOTE HELLO END OF QUOTE. SHORTLY AFTER WE
GOT TELEPHONE CALL FROM PORT CAPTAIN'S OFFICE THAT ALL WAS
ARRANGED. I FEEL THAT OUR PRESENCE IN MANTA WAS MOST BENEFICIAL
AND EXPEDITED A DECISION IN FAVOR OF VESSEL.
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